



BLIGHTED PROPERTY REVIEW COMMITTEE

**DETERMINATION HEARING
THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 2012
COUNCIL CHAMBERS at 6:00 p.m.
AGENDA**

**All parties wishing to testify must register with the
BPRC Solicitor before the hearing begins.**

I. Call to Order

6:00p.m.

II. Purpose

In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Urban Redevelopment Law of 1945, as amended, and the City of Reading Blighted Property Review Committee Ordinance #108-2010 ("Ordinance"), the City of Reading has determined that the properties listed on this agenda meet the legal definition of "blight" by exhibiting one or more of the following nine conditions listed in the Ordinance. As prescribed by the Ordinance, the City of Reading's Blighted Property Review Committee (BPRC) is meeting to review the reports of the Building/Trades Division and the Property Maintenance Division on your property to determine whether it, in fact, meets the definition of blight and can be certified as a blighted property.

As described in the Ordinance, if your property is certified to be blighted, the BPRC will issue an Order which will provide you with approximately 60 days to rehabilitate the property to correct/remove the cause of blight certification, or follow the designated alternative remedy. At the hearing the BPRC shall render a final Order which shall be mailed to the persons affected. If you fail to comply with the BPRC Certification Order, the property will then be certified to the Reading Redevelopment Authority by the Planning Commission for acquisition of the property through a voluntary sale or the use of the Authority's power of eminent domain.

VII. Certification Hearing

**1. 1809 Hessian Rd, owned by Christian and Mary Lisella, 1809 Hessian Rd, Rdg, 19602,
No purchase date listed**

- 1. Oath to all presenting testimony**
- 2. Findings of Fact & Presentation of Evidence – City Staff**
- 3. Testimony from Property Owner (5 minute limitation)**
- 4. Public Comment (5 minute limitation)**
- 5. BPRC Vote and Announcement of Decision**
6. Due to the findings from City staff, the Chair requests a motion to determine 1809 Hessian Rd as a blighted property or to remove it from the target list.

**2. 1813 Hessian Rd, owned by Christian and Mary Lisella, 1809 Hessian Rd, Rdg, 19602,
No purchase date listed**

- 1. Oath to all presenting testimony**
- 2. Findings of Fact & Presentation of Evidence – City Staff**
- 3. Testimony from Property Owner (5 minute limitation)**
- 4. Public Comment (5 minute limitation)**
- 5. BPRC Vote and Announcement of Decision**
6. Due to the findings from City staff, the Chair requests a motion to determine 1813 Hessian Rd as a blighted property or to remove it from the target list.

**3. 1530 N 12th St, owned by Deborah Thomas and Tia Juanita Frye, 1530 N 12th St, Rdg, 19604,
purchased July 2006**

- 1. Oath to all presenting testimony**
- 2. Findings of Fact & Presentation of Evidence – City Staff**
- 3. Testimony from Property Owner (5 minute limitation)**
- 4. Public Comment (5 minute limitation)**
- 5. BPRC Vote and Announcement of Decision**
6. Due to the findings from City staff, the Chair requests a motion to determine 1530 North 12th St as a blighted property or to remove it from the target list.

4. 1401 N 13th St, owned by John Baez, 1445 Mulberry St, Rdg, 19604, purchased Aug 2005

- 1. Oath to all presenting testimony**
- 2. Findings of Fact & Presentation of Evidence – City Staff**
- 3. Testimony from Property Owner (5 minute limitation)**
- 4. Public Comment (5 minute limitation)**
- 5. BPRC Vote and Announcement of Decision**
6. Due to the findings from City staff, the Chair requests a motion to determine 1401 N 13th St. as a blighted property or to remove it from the target list.

5. 2257 Raymond Ave, owned by Citizens Bank of PA, 10 Tripps Ln Riverside RI 02915, purchased May 2011

- 1. Oath to all presenting testimony**
- 2. Findings of Fact & Presentation of Evidence – City Staff**
- 3. Testimony from Property Owner (5 minute limitation)**
- 4. Public Comment (5 minute limitation)**
- 5. BPRC Vote and Announcement of Decision**
6. Due to the findings from City staff, the Chair requests a motion to determine 2257 Raymond Ave. as a blighted property or to remove it from the target list.

6. 2237 Raymond Ave, owned by McCrae Boykins Jr, 2237 Raymond Ave, purchased April 1997

- 1. Oath to all presenting testimony**
- 2. Findings of Fact & Presentation of Evidence – City Staff**
- 3. Testimony from Property Owner (5 minute limitation)**
- 4. Public Comment (5 minute limitation)**
- 5. BPRC Vote and Announcement of Decision**
6. Due to the findings from City staff, the Chair requests a motion to determine 2237 Raymond Ave. as a blighted property or to remove it from the target list.

7. 820 Summit Chase Dr., owned by Catalino and Sarah Benitez, 605 15th Ave Apt 22 Newark NJ 07103, purchased April 1997

- 1. Oath to all presenting testimony**
- 2. Findings of Fact & Presentation of Evidence – City Staff**
- 3. Testimony from Property Owner (5 minute limitation)**
- 4. Public Comment (5 minute limitation)**
- 5. BPRC Vote and Announcement of Decision**
6. Due to the findings from City staff, the Chair requests a motion to determine 820 Summit Chase Dr. as a blighted property or to remove it from the target list.

8. 312 Heckmans Court, owned by Paula Felez, 445 W 153rd St Apt 4bb New York NY 10031, purchased Feb 2008

- 1. Oath to all presenting testimony**
- 2. Findings of Fact & Presentation of Evidence – City Staff**
- 3. Testimony from Property Owner (5 minute limitation)**
- 4. Public Comment (5 minute limitation)**
- 5. BPRC Vote and Announcement of Decision**
6. Due to the findings from City staff, the Chair requests a motion to determine 312 Heckmans Court as a blighted property or to remove it from the target list.